

## Burrell Normal School, Florence, Ala.

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**T**HE first school for colored children in Selma, Ala., was opened in November, 1866, by Rev. J. Silsby, in a carpenter's shop with a corner partitioned off for a recitation room to accommodate the few students.

Later, one of the Negro churches was used. This had benches without backs, and the spaces between the floor boards were so large that in winter the teachers were compelled to stand upon the benches to protect their feet from the cold.

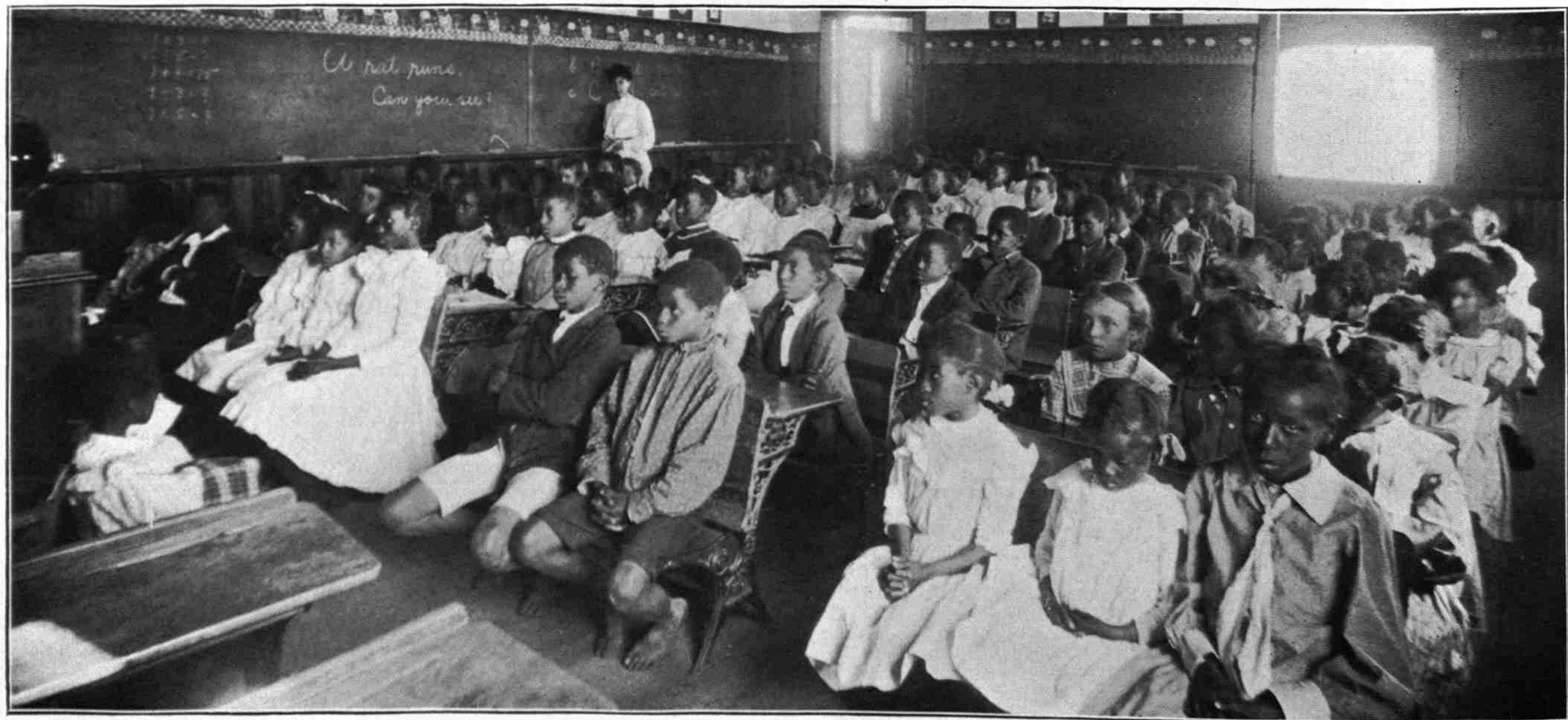
In 1868, a two-story building was erected on land purchased by the American Missionary Association. Mr. Jabez Burrell, of Oberlin, Ohio, gave the Association \$10,000, and the school was named for him. When the buildings at Selma were destroyed by fire, the Association rebuilt in 1903 at Florence, Ala., where the need then seemed to be greater than at Selma.

The approximate annual expenses are \$3,000, secured from the American Missionary Association and Daniel Hand Fund.



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**FIRST AND SECOND GRADES, BURRELL NORMAL SCHOOL, FLORENCE, ALA.**

In the first and second grades there are pupils whose ages range from six to sixteen years. A lady visitor asked these pupils what their hands were made for. "To work," was the reply. "What kind of work?" There was a grim pathos in their answer, "To wash, iron, scrub, saw wood, and pick up chips." The aim of the school is for a rounded Christian education. The school property is valued at \$10,000.